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20 November 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Security Center

SUBJECT : Contractor Security

REFERENCE : dated 18 September 1963,
Same Subject

1. In compliance with the request stated in paragraph four of reference, received SS/OSA 8 November 1963, all suppliers under the cognizance of Program Director B will be advised to subscribe to OSA established procedures requiring submission to OSA for approval of all news releases or advertisements which in any manner relate to covert programs in which the supplier is participating. This has been a long-standing requirement and contractors have been cooperative in implementing the procedure.

2. OSA has never required suppliers to submit for review proposed news or advertising releases relating to all aspects of the contractors operation or production. Considering that there are unusually large numbers of contractors involved in OSA covert programs, this would be a formidable task. It should be noted that OSA contracts extensively with well-known manufacturers of cameras and other type sensors. Some of the suppliers, particularly FCIC, have been major producers of photographic reconnaissance systems for all elements of DOD for many years and have openly advertised that fact. Most of these suppliers have now entered the competition for space camera systems. All of these suppliers have been solicited to propose on various aspects of the NASA Lunar program. It is reasonable to assume that they are continually submitting proposals for exotic camera systems to various agencies of the government. Not to do so would place them in danger of bankruptcy as, with the exception of Itek, the covert programs do not constitute enough continuing business to maintain a good financial posture.

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3. Reference states that (TS) National Reconnaissance Program Security Policy Directive No. 1 places on Program Directors the responsibility for reviewing the advertisements of their contractors to insure that there will be no disclosure of NRP classified information. It is requested that SSC forward to OSA the clippings under consideration for review by this office so that OSA can determine what action, if any, should be taken.

4. This memorandum is being directed to the SSC as it is assumed that the reference was prepared by SSC and that the subject clippings are on file at that office.

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Chief, Security Staff
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